# REMARKS

Claims 1-65 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined. Claims 2-3, 6-8, 10-11, 13-14, 16-17, 19-20, 45-46, 49-51, 53-54, 56-57, 59-60 and 62-63 are being cancelled, claims 1, 4-5, 9, 12, 15, 18, 24, 28-29, 31-32, 35, 39, 40, 44, 47, 52, 55, 61 and 65 are being amended, and new claims 66-77 are being added. The amendments to existing claims are intended to clarify the claim language and are not intended to limit the scope of the claims, unless otherwise indicated. No new matter is being added, and claims 1, 4-5, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21-43, 47-48, 52, 55, 58, 61 and 64 -77 remain pending in the application.

## Support for Amendments Made Herein

Applicants respectfully submit that all amendments made herein find support in the application as filed, including but not limited to the examples that follow.

The amendments to the specification are supported at least at page 15, lines 24 through 28, which instead uses the term, "individual relationship" as follows: "A user can define contacts by including such information as type of living organism (e.g., adult; dependent adult; child; dependent child; baby; animal/pet; etc.), <u>individual relationship</u> (romantic, friend; business colleague; "time hog"; neutral, etc.), emotional relationships (e.g. "Which part of the restraining order don't you understand?!", "The Love of My Life, I Always Have Time for You," etc.)..." (Emphasis Added). Page 15, line 30 through page 16, line 2 further provides that "the <u>individual relationship</u> may be specified numerically with a high number representing an important person (e.g., boss, close friend, significant other), a low number representing an enemy (e.g., harasser), or a middle number (e.g., colleague)..." (Emphasis Added).

The amendments to claims 1, 4-5, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 31, 44 and 47 and new claims 66-74 find support in the specification at least at page 16:7-12 which, as amended, provides, "<u>The voicemail engine ... uses Event Templates to determine whether to let a phone call ring through or go to voicemail. This decision is based on criteria such as the</u>

user's defined emotional and individual relationships with the caller, the profile of the event currently scheduled on the user's calendar (e.g. are they in the middle of a stressful meeting?) as well as the user's lifestyle setting." (Emphasis Added). The specification further provides that "[t]he life manager engine can control how incoming events are prioritized, accepted, or rejected based on lifestyle intentions that were set by a user" (6:15-16), and "[m]eters such as the "stress-o-meter" and "love-o-meter" measure event attributes such as stress or romance vs. the level desired by the user." (6:25-26). (Emphasis Added) For example, "the event engine can access invitees' calendars and propose a bump day and time by checking the participants' schedules and lifestyle management preferences" (5:11-13), which is reflected more explicitly by embodiments which may include originally filed claims 24 and 65 ("determining the impact of delaying...."). (Emphasis Added).

The amendment to claim 40 finds support in the specification at least at 6:15-20, which provides, "Further, the life manager engine can prioritize, accept, or reject incoming events based on implicit events related to the incoming event, such as travel time, meals, necessary breaks; sleep schedule; weather; family/pet distractions; casual vs. business meetings; alertness factor; and optimum driving/commuting times."

Of the claim amendments not accounted for above, claim 52 is amended to correct for a dependency error created as a result of claim cancellation, while the remaining claims are amended to correct scrivener's errors relating to grammar, punctuation and providing an antecedent basis (e.g., claim 24). No added limitations are intended by way of the amendments herein and no new matter is added.

## Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

On page 2, first item of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 28 through 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite because claim 28 lacked a period. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 28 is amended herein to add the missing period. (Applicant has further identified and corrected various other scrivener errors, as was already mentioned.) Since the punctuation objected to is now absent in the rejected claim, the rejection is rendered moot and the claim is now in a condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection and early allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

## <u>Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over King</u>

On page 2, second item of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3,6, 9 and 24-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,872,841 to King (hereinafter "King").

King generally provides calendar-based unanswered call or phone conference scheduling that is (1) operable in only a repetitive, predetermined manner; (2) completely unconcerned with cognitive considerations (King FIGS. 1-12); (3) requires considerable user intervention (e.g., repeated alteration of cited VIP list at 11:4 to render it current); and (4) presumes as a basic assumption that a received call will NOT ring through. Because these are fundamental characteristics and principles of operation upon which King is operable, King cannot properly be said to teach or suggest contrary provisions per MPEP 2131 or be combined with any contrary reference per MPEP 2143.01.

<u>Claims 1-3, 6 and 9</u>

Applicants respectfully submit that, while Applicants may disagree with the Examiner's assertions, the rejection of claim 1 is rendered moot at least by way of amendment herein. Currently amended claim 1 recites:

> 1 (Currently Amended). A computer-based method, comprising:
>> receiving a telephone call;
>> identifying a caller user ("caller");
>> determining a caller relationship setting; and
>> automatically determining a likely impact, corresponding to the caller relationship setting, on at least one of a recipient user ("recipient") and at least one currently scheduled event of at least one of the users, thereby enabling processing of a same caller to produce different results at different times without requiring user intervention.

King, for example, fails to anticipate at least "determining a likely impact, corresponding to the caller relationship setting, on at least one of a recipient user ("recipient") and at least one currently scheduled event of at least one of the users, thereby enabling processing of a same caller to produce different results at different times without requiring user intervention" as recited by the embodiment of claim 1 as amended. Moreover, King is completely unconcerned with an impact or a likely one, let alone a likely impact as recited by claim 1. King further clearly fails to enable "processing of a same caller to produce different results at different times without requiring user intervention", since King always produces the same results with either a VIP or a non-VIP caller. Applicants there submit that claim 1 is not anticipated by King.

Claims 2-3, 6 and 9 are further dependent claims depending from claim 1, and are patentable over King for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is patentable over King.

Reconsideration and early allowance of claims 1-3, 6 and 9 are therefore respectfully requested for at least the foregoing reasons.

## Claims 24-29

Regarding claims 24-29, the Examiner merely notes King at column 11, lines 29-64, which Applicants presume is asserted as teaching all limitations of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 24, as amended, recites:

> "24. A computer-based method, comprising:
> receiving, from invitees, responses to a conference invitation;
> sending confirmations to invitees that signal acceptance;
> sending, to the invitees, notifications of start of the conference; and
> determining an impact of delaying the start of the conference."

Applicants respectfully submit that King not only fails to anticipate at least the recited "determining an impact of delaying the start of the conference" of claim 24. King further

presumes that a delay WILL occur and merely addresses a mechanical method for scheduling with the inevitable delay.

Specifically, the cited portion of King (11:29-64) carefully sets forth what is OR MAY be ascertained as including only "the identity of the parties..." (at 11:32), "which parties are essential" (at 11:36), the call duration (at 11:36), "who will initiate the call" (at 11:37), and assuming a delayed start rescheduling is attempted, whether or not the attempted reschedule will exceed a deadline (if a deadline is entered) at 11:43. Moreover, King proposes in the subject FIG. 12 of the cited portion that "if no time slot available which works for all parties", i.e., no available slot in step 123, then "attempt to schedule call which includes essential parties and the most optional parties" in step 124. King does not, however, even consider any IMPACT OF DELAYING in the first place (for example, that the conference may or may not be delayed, delaying or the delay itself may create too much stress, a conferencee may not be in a place or position to conduct the call, and so on). Applicants therefore submit that King fails to anticipate claim 24.

Claims 25 through 29 are further dependent claims depending from claim 24, and are patentable over King for at least the same reasons that claim 24 is patentable over King.

Reconsideration and early allowance of claims 24 through 29 are therefore respectfully requested for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claims 30-31

The Examiner merely notes King "note the above", which Applicants presume is asserted as teaching all limitations of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 30 recites:

> "30.      A system communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:
> a calendar engine capable to store and display event data from a calendar database;
> a portrait database capable to store portraits of users; the portraits including relationship settings for users; and

an event engine, communicatively coupled to the calendar engine and portrait database, capable to respond to an event invitation received, via the network, from an inviter as a function of time availability as indicated in the calendar database and relationship setting of the invitee as indicated in the portrait database."

Applicants respectfully submit that King fails to anticipate at least the "portrait database, capable to store portraits of users" recited by the embodiment of claim 30. While it is particularly difficult to ascertain the Examiner's undisclosed reasoning, King clearly does NOT disclose a portrait database, let alone one "capable to store portraits of users" or further "the portraits including relationship settings for users", or still further in combination with an event engine "capable to respond to an event invitation received". The Examiner is reminded that "A claim is anticipated <u>ONLY</u> if each and every element set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegoal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F2d, 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1-53 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Emphasis Added. None of the cited King passages can be properly said to set forth at least the above, and the above is not "necessarily present" as is narrowly provided for by *Continental Can Co. USA v. Monsanto Co.*, 948 F.2d 1264, 1268, 20 USPQ2d 1746, 1749 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Applicants therefore submit that King fails to anticipate claim 30.

Claim 31 is further a dependent claim depending from claim 30, and is patentable over King for at least the same reasons that claim 30 is patentable over King.

Reconsideration and early allowance of claims 30 and 31 are therefore respectfully requested for at least the foregoing reasons.

### Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Ford

On page 3, first item of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 40-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,480,830 to Ford et al. (hereinafter "Ford").

Regarding claims 40-43, the Examiner asserts that all limitations of the recited embodiments are taught by Ford FIGS. 4 and 6. Applicants respectfully submit that, while Applicants may disagree with the Examiner's assertions, the rejection is rendered moot at least by way of current amendment of claim 40.

Currently amended claim 40 recites:

> 40. A computer-based method, comprising
> examining a calendar entry;
> selecting one or more services appropriate to the event; and
> creating an implicit event corresponding to the event.

Currently amended claim 40 not anticipated by Ford at least by the failure of Ford to anticipate "creating an implicit event corresponding to the event." Ford moreover completely fails to consider, let alone anticipate an implicit event.

Claims 41 through 43 are further dependent claims depending from claim 40, and are patentable over Ford for at least the same reasons that claim 40 is patentable over King.

Reconsideration and early allowance of claims 40 through 43 are therefore respectfully requested for at least the foregoing reasons.

## Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over King i.v.o. Batten

On page 3, second item of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 4-5, 7-8, 10-19, 21-23, 32-39 and 44-65 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by King in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0076026 to Batten (hereinafter "Batten").

### Claims 4-5, 7-8 and 10-19

The Examiner's assertions are as follows. Regarding claims 4-5, the Examiner asserts that the claim limitations recite "well known blocking or call screening" that, while "notoriously old", are "taught by Batten... Abstract and paragraph 0092-0093". The Examiner further asserts that it would have been "obvious... to have incorporated

such call blocking as taught by Batten into King... to ensure no calls during non-available or busy times". The Examiner still further asserts that it would have been obvious to incorporate such call blocking into King based on a life setting or calendar event." (Emphasis Added). Regarding claims 7-8, the Examiner asserts tables 1 and 2 of King and the rejection to claims 4-5 (Batten Abstract and paragraph 0092-0093). Regarding claims 10-19, the Examiner asserts King at col. 7, line 53 through col. 8, line 42 and Batten element 14.

Applicants respectively submit that, while Applicants may disagree with the Examiner's assertions, the rejected claims depend from claim 1, at least the amendment herein of which renders the above rejections moot. Both King and Batten, for example, fail to teach or suggest at least "determining a likely impact, corresponding to the caller relationship setting, on at least one of a recipient user ("recipient") and at least one currently scheduled event of at least one of the users, thereby enabling processing of a same caller to produce different results at different times without requiring user intervention" as recited by the embodiment of claim 1 as amended. See MPEP 2143.) Moreover, both King and Batten fail completely to consider impact, let alone a likely impact or a likely impact as claimed. Applicants therefore submit that the combination of King and Batten fail to render claim 1 obvious.

Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the rejections and early allowance of ones of claims 4-5, 7-8 and 10-19 that are not cancelled herein are respectfully solicited.


Claims 21-23

Regarding claims 21-23, the Examiner asserts the above as well as use of the Internet and the ability to display information. Applicants respectfully traverse. Claim 21 recites:


"21. A computer-based method, comprising:

receiving an invitation to an event, the invitation including the a time and date of the event and an inviter's name;

determining if an automated acceptance preference is set;

determining a relationship setting for the inviter;

determining a life style wish setting;

determining if free time available to attend the event by looking up the time and date of the event in a calendar database;

sending an acceptance to the inviter as a function of the automated acceptance preference, free time, monitors and gauges, life style wishes, and relationship setting; and

updating the calendar database to include the event if an acceptance is sent."

In order to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, the Examiner must show, among other requirements, that the combined references teach or suggest ALL of the claim limitations. MPEP 2143. Applicants respectfully submit that they do not.

King, for example, fails to teach or suggest at least "determining a life style wish setting". Instead, King considers, at the cited cols. 7 and 11 portions, only "the identity of the parties…" (e.g., at 11:32), "which parties are essential" (e.g., at 11:36), the call duration (e.g., at 11:36), "who will initiate the call" (e.g., at 11:37), and assuming a delayed start rescheduling is attempted, whether or not the attempted reschedule will exceed a deadline (if a deadline is even entered at all), e.g., at 11:43. Moreover, King proposes in the subject FIG. 12 of the cited portion that "if no time slot available which works for all parties", i.e., no available slot in step 123, then "attempt to schedule call which includes essential parties and the most optional parties" in step 124. Tables 1 and 2 further merely list a calendar for a called party and a calling party respectively (4:25-30 and 4:54-55), neither of which teaches or suggests a life style wish setting.

Batten also fails to teach or suggest the claimed limitations absent in King. The Batten Abstract professes to provide a system that is "capable of responding to all incoming calls", that "the telephone rings under certain qualifying criteria" and that "an incoming call is passed in silent mode to a smart answering machine under other criteria. However, the Abstract also explains that the "system accepts operational time factors and telephone numbers as stored data to be matched with the telephone numbers of incoming calls" and does NOT teach or suggest at least "determining a life style wish setting". The

Batten system more specifically provides for rejecting all calls from phone numbers stored in a non-acceptable callers list (paragraph 0043), for passing all calls from calls from unknown phone numbers to voice mail (case 1 para. 0044-0046), for passing all calls from blocked phone numbers to voice mail unless the caller enters an emergency ID stored by the system (case 2 para. 0047-0049), for passing to voicemail calls not within a stored time period corresponding to the calling number (case 3 para. 0050-0053), for passing calls from acceptable phone numbers to voice mail if at an inappropriate time (case 4 para. 0054-0056) and for keying in a user's phone number (case 5 para. 0057-58). Batten also provides for storing separate call time-to-phone number lists for 3 categories including: friends, family and others (para. 0092), with an option to have calls from known family numbers always ring through while all other calls are sent to voicemail (para. 0093). However, no lifestyle setting is taught or suggested.

Contrastingly, a lifestyle wish setting in one embodiment enables users to "maintain a certain lifestyle that they desire...." A further life style setting embodiment may, for example, include "Stop the World," "Ramp It Up," "More Family Time," "Business is Priority Number One," "Find Time for my Friends," and "I Need More Romance in My Life." A lifestyle setting may also be used in enabling a user to "set their ideal number of hours of sleep; ideal number of daily meals; weekly work schedule; work address so as to calculate drive time; set preferences on meters/gauges (such as a free time gauge; "stress-o-meter"; family time gauge; and "love-o-meter")... or other "set preferences" (6:15-26), among other examples. As an example, in one embodiment, several somewhat stressful events scheduled back-to-back without relief will create a sum total of higher stress into a user's "stress-o-meter" (6:28-29). Clearly, a lifestyle wish setting is neither taught nor suggested by either King or Batten. Applicants therefore submit that the combination of King and Batten fails to render claim 21 obvious.

Claims 22 and 23 are further dependent claims depending from claim 21, and are patentable over King in view of Batten for at least the same reasons that claim 21 is patentable over King in view of Batten.

Reconsideration and early allowance of claims 21 through 23 are therefore respectfully requested for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claims 32-39

Regarding claims 32-39, the Examiner asserts merely "the above". Claims 32 through 39 are dependent claims depending from currently amended claim 31, which recites:

"31. The system of claim 30, further comprising a life style wish preference file capable to store a life style wish setting."

As submitted with reference to claims 21-23, both King and Batten fail to teach or suggest a life style wish setting, let alone a life style wish preference file capable to store a life style wish set by a system user. Thus, the combination of King and Batten also fails to render obvious claims 32-39 at least under MPEP 2143.

Reconsideration and early allowance of claims 32 through 39 are therefore respectfully requested for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claims 44-63

Regarding claims 44-63, the Examiner asserts that the limitations of these claims are addressed as with the above rejections to claims 1 through 43.

While Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner and further submit that claim 44 is patentably distinct from claim 1, the same amendments made herein to claim 1 are also made herein to claim 44. Applicants thus submit that claim 44 is patentable over King in view of Batten for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is patentable over King in view of Batten.

Claims 45 through 63 are further dependent claims depending from claim 44, and are patentable over King in view of Batten for at least the same reasons that claim 41 is patentable over King in view of Batten.

Reconsideration and early allowance of claims 44 through 63 are therefore respectfully requested for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claim 64

As submitted with reference to claims 21-23, both King and Batten fail to teach or suggest a life style wish setting, let alone the recited "determining a life style wish setting". Thus, the combination of King and Batten also fails to render obvious claims 64 at least under MPEP 2143.

Reconsideration and early allowance of claim 64 are therefore respectfully requested for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claim 65

Currently amended claim 65 recites:

"65. A computer-readable medium storing computer-executable code to execute a method, the method comprising:

receiving, from invitees, responses to a conference invitation;

sending confirmations to invitees that signal acceptance; and

sending, to the invitees, notifications of a start of the conference.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 65 is patentable over King in view of Batten at least by reciting "determining an impact of delaying the start of the conference".

As discussed with reference to claim 1, King not only fails to teach or suggest an impact of delaying the start of a conference under MPEP 2143, but is further unconcerned with whether the start of the conference may or may not be delayed. Instead, King presumes that the start of the conference WILL be delayed, which presumption is made irregardless of impact. King is further completely unconcerned with the impact that might result from such delay, and, irregardless of the impact, merely "attempts to schedule call which includes essential parties and the most optional parties", displaying only "the results of the scheduling" (King FIG 12), i.e., "the [delayed] scheduled time of the conference call" (King at 11:63-64). King does NOT teach or suggest determining "the impact of delaying the conference".

Batten also fails to teach or suggest determining or displaying impact either generally or with respect to a conference in any of the cited portions. Moreover, Batten is completely unconcerned with and fails to teach or suggest conferencing, thereby failing

to teach or suggest the claim limitation absent in King. Thus, the combination of King and Batten fails to render claim 65 obvious.

Reconsideration and early allowance of claim 65 are therefore respectfully requested for at least the foregoing reasons.

## Failure to Examine Instant Claim 20

While claim 20 is cancelled herein, the Examiner is respectfully reminded that examination should be conducted with regard to each and every claim and basis should be provided for each rejection, including the neither allowed nor specifically rejected claim 20.

## New Claims

Regarding new claims 66-74, claims 66 through 73 are dependent claims depending from claim 1 and are patentable over King, as well as the combination of King and Batten for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is patentable over King and the combination of King and Batten. New claim 74 is also a dependent claim depending from claim 44 and is patentable over King and the combination of King and Batten for at least the same reasons that claim 44 is patentable over King and the combination of King and Batten.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 4-5, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21-43, 47-48, 52, 55, 58, 61 and 64 through 75 are in a condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections and early allowance of claims 1, 4-5, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21-43, 47-48, 52, 55, 58, 61 and 64 through 75.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 831-626-1248.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

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# Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

## In The Specification

On page 7, line 6 (7:6), the including paragraph beginning on 6:28, please replace – traditional relationship – with "traditional relationship" as follows:

"As an example, several somewhat stressful events scheduled back-to-back without relief will create a sum total of higher stress into a user's "stress-o-meter." Also, one intensely romantic evening might suffice to meet a user's desired setting on the "love-o-meter." The portrait gallery engine maintains contact information and/or profiles for other users. A user may enter data about users into a portrait gallery database. Alternatively, or in addition, the engine may import contacts from Outlook and/or vCards from email or other data acquisition techniques. A user can define contacts by including such information as type of living organism (e.g., adult; dependent adult; child; dependent child; baby; animal/pet; etc.), the user's emotional relationship to the contact, and ~~traditional~~ <u>individual</u> relationship (romantic, friend; business colleague; etc.). In addition, the portrait gallery engine enables the user to form groups of contacts and define information about the groups similarly to defining information about individual contacts."

On page 7, line 20 (7:20), the including paragraph beginning on 7:17, please replace – traditional relationship – with "individual relationship" and add a period to the end of the last sentence, which ends on 7:22 as follows:

"The voicemail engine is a triggered service (an service triggered by the event engine) and uses Event Templates to determine whether to let a phone call ring through or go to voicemail. This decision is based on criteria such as the user's defined emotional and ~~traditional~~ <u>individual</u> relationships with the caller, the profile of the event currently scheduled on the user's calendar (e.g. are they in the middle of a stressful meeting?) as well as the user's lifestyle setting."

On page 7, line 25 (7:25), the including paragraph beginning on 7:23, please replace – traditional relationship – with "individual relationship".

"If the phone call is to go to voicemail, the voicemail engine determines the appropriate answering machine message to play based on criteria such as the caller's ~~traditional~~ individual and emotional relationship, user's lifestyle setting, the profile of the event currently scheduled on the user's calendar, and available time for rescheduling according to the user's calendar. The voicemail may then trigger an Event Template which would allow the caller to schedule a follow-up call."

On page 16, line 9 (16:9), the including paragraph beginning on 16:7, please replace – traditional relationship – with "individual relationship" and add a period to the end of the last sentence, which ends on 7:12 as follows:

"The voicemail engine is a Triggered Service and uses Event Templates to determine whether to let a phone call ring through or go to voicemail. This decision is based on criteria such as the user's defined emotional and ~~traditional~~ individual relationships with the caller, the profile of the event currently scheduled on the user's calendar (e.g. are they in the middle of a stressful meeting?) as well as the user's lifestyle setting."

**In the claims**

1. (Currently Amended). A computer-based method, comprising:

   receiving a telephone call;

   identifying ~~the~~ a caller user ("caller"); ~~and~~

   determining a caller relationship setting; and

   automatically determining a likely impact, corresponding to the caller relationship setting, on at least one of a recipient user ("recipient") and at least one currently scheduled event of at least one of the users, thereby enabling processing of a same caller to produce different results at different times without requiring user intervention.

2. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a user's life wish setting.~~

3. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a user's current calendar event.~~

4. (Currently Amended). The <u>computer-based</u> method of claim 1, further comprising enabling the telephone call to ring through as a function of the ~~caller relationship setting~~ <u>likely impact</u>.

5. (Currently Amended). The <u>computer-based</u> method of claim 1, further comprising enabling the telephone call to ring through as a function of the <u>likely impact of the</u> caller <u>relationship</u> setting and ~~the user's~~ <u>at least one of a</u> lifestyle wish setting <u>and a current calendar event of the recipient</u>.

6. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 2, further comprising determining the user's current calendar event.~~

7. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 2, further comprising:~~
   ~~determining a user's current calendar event; and~~
   ~~enabling the telephone call to ring through as a function of the caller relationship setting, user's current calendar event and the user's life wish setting~~

8. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 3, further comprising enabling the telephone call to ring through based upon the relationship setting and the current calendar event.~~

9 (Currently Amended). The <u>computer-based</u> method of claim ~~6~~ <u>5</u>, further comprising sending the telephone call to voicemail if the telephone call is not enabled to ring through.

10. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 7, further comprising sending the telephone call to voicemail if the telephone call is not enabled to ring through.~~

11. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 8, further comprising sending the telephone call to voicemail if the telephone call is not enabled to ring through.~~

12 (Currently Amended). The <u>computer-based</u> method of claim 9, further comprising determining an answering machine message to play if the call is sent to voicemail, the determining an answering machine message being a function of <u>the caller relationship setting and a</u> lifestyle wish setting <u>of the recipient.</u> ~~and caller relationship setting.~~

13. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 10, further comprising determining an answering machine message to play if the call is sent to voicemail, the determining an answering machine message being a function of lifestyle wish setting and caller relationship setting.~~

14. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 11, further comprising determining an answering machine message to play if the call is sent to voicemail, the determining an answering machine message being a function of lifestyle wish setting and caller relationship setting.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-based</u> method of claim 12, further comprising sending schedule availability information to the caller if the call is not enabled to ring through, the schedule availability information <u>being</u> based on the caller <u>relationship</u> setting and a user's availability as indicated in a calendar database.

16. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 13, further comprising sending schedule availability information to the caller if the call is not enabled to ring through, the schedule availability information based on the caller relationship setting and a user's availability as indicated in a calendar database.~~

17. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 14, further comprising sending schedule availability information to the caller if the call is not enabled to ring through, the schedule availability information based on the caller relationship setting and a user's availability as indicated in a calendar database.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-based</u> method of claim 15, further comprising:

receiving a response to the sent schedule availability information, the response including a date and time for a telephone call; <u>and</u>

updating ~~at least one~~ ~~the~~ calendar database <u>of at least one of the users</u> to include the date and time for the telephone call.

19. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 16, further comprising:~~
~~receiving a response to the sent schedule availability information, the response including a date and time for a telephone call;~~
~~updating the calendar database to include the date and time for the telephone call~~

20. (Currently Cancelled). ~~The method of claim 17, further comprising:~~
~~receiving a response to the sent schedule availability information, the response including a date and time for a telephone call;~~
~~updating the calendar database to include the date and time for the telephone call.~~

21. A computer-based method, comprising:

receiving an invitation to an event, the invitation including ~~the~~ <u>a</u> time and date of the event and an inviter's name;

determining if an automated acceptance preference is set;

determining a relationship setting for the inviter;

determining a life style wish setting;

determining if free time available to attend the event by looking up the time and date of the event in a calendar database;

sending an acceptance to the inviter as a function of the automated acceptance preference, free time, monitors and gauges, life style wishes, and relationship setting; and updating the calendar database to include the event if an acceptance is sent.

22. The method of claim 21, further comprising displaying the invitation if the automated acceptance preference is not set.

23 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 21, further comprising declining the invitation if an <u>automated</u> acceptance <u>preference</u> is not <u>set</u> ~~sent~~.

24 (Currently amended). A computer-based method, comprising:

receiving, from invitees, responses to a conference invitation;

sending confirmations to invitees that signal acceptance;

sending, to the invitees, notifications of start of the conference; <u>and</u>

determining ~~the~~ <u>an</u> impact of delaying the start of the conference~~; and~~

~~displaying the impact of delaying the conference~~.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the conference includes a telephone conference.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein the determining includes accessing invitees' calendar databases to determine the invitees' availabilities.

27. The method of claim 24, wherein the determining includes accessing invitees' calendar databases, life style wishes, monitors and gauges, and relationship settings to determine the invitees' preferred time availabilities.

28 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 24, wherein the conference invitation includes a date and time selected by a use<u>r.</u>

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, further comprising sending a list of participants to the invitees<u>.</u>

30.     A system communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

a calendar engine capable to store and display event data from a calendar database;

a portrait database capable to store portraits of users; the portraits including relationship settings for users; and

an event engine, communicatively coupled to the calendar engine and portrait database, capable to respond to an event invitation received, via the network, from an inviter as a function of time availability as indicated in the calendar database and relationship setting of the invitee as indicated in the portrait database.

31. (Currently amended). The system of claim 30, further comprising a life style wish preference file capable to store a life style wish setting set by a system user.

32 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 31, further comprising a voicemail engine, communicatively coupled to the calendar engine, the life style wish preference file, and the portrait database, capable to receive a phone call, identify the caller, wherein the caller is a user, and determine whether to let enable the phone to call ring through as a function of the life style wish and the caller relationship setting.

33.     The system of claim 32, wherein the voicemail engine is further capable to send the phone call to voicemail if it is determined not to let the phone call ring through.

34.     The system of claim 33, wherein the voicemail engine is further capable to select an answering machine message as a function of caller relationship setting when the phone call is sent to voicemail.

35 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 34, wherein the voicemail engine is further capable to notify the caller of available free time to reschedule a call as a function of available free time per the calendar database and of the caller relationship.

36.    The system of 31, further comprising a conference scheduler engine communicatively coupled to the calendar engine, the portrait database and the life style wish preference file, the conference scheduler engine capable to send, via the network, invitations to invitees, wherein the invitees are users; receive replies to the invitations; and send scheduling data to the invitees.

37.    The system of claim 36, wherein the conference scheduler engine is capable to determine a time and date for a conference by determining availability of invitees by examining their respective calendar databases.

38.    The system of claim 37, wherein the calendar engine is further capable to update the calendar database to include the conference.

39 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 38, wherein the conference scheduler engine is further capable to display a schedule status update showing ~~the~~ an impact of delaying a scheduled conference, wherein the update includes schedules of invitees as indicated in their respective calendar databases.

40 (Currently Amended). A computer-based method, comprising
       examining a calendar entry; ~~and~~
       selecting one or more services appropriate to the event; and
       <u>creating an implicit event corresponding to the event</u>.

41.    The method of claim 40, further comprising offering the services to a user.

42.    The method of claim 41, further comprising launching services selected by the user.

43.    The method of claim 41, further comprising collecting choices of services from the user and launching those services.

44 (Currently Amended). A computer-readable medium storing computer-executable code to execute a method, the method comprising:

receiving a telephone call;

identifying ~~the~~ a caller user ("caller"); ~~and~~

determining a caller relationship setting; and

automatically determining a likely impact, corresponding to the caller relationship setting, on at least one of a recipient user ("recipient") and at least one currently scheduled event of at least one of the users, thereby enabling processing of a same caller to produce different results at different times without requiring user intervention.

45 (Currently Cancelled). ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 44, further comprising determining a user's life wish setting.~~

46 (Currently Cancelled). ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 44, further comprising determining a user's current calendar event.~~

47 (Currently Amended). The computer-readable medium of claim 44, further comprising enabling the telephone call to ring through as a function of the ~~caller relationship setting~~ likely impact.

48.     The computer-readable medium of claim 45, further comprising enabling the telephone call to ring through as a function of the caller relationship setting and the user's life wish setting.

49 (Currently Cancelled) ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 45, further comprising determining the user's current calendar event.~~

50 (Currently Cancelled). ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 45, further comprising:~~

~~determining a user's current calendar event; and~~

*enabling the telephone call to ring through as a function of the caller relationship setting, user's current calendar event and the user's life wish setting*

51 (Currently Cancelled). *The computer-readable medium of claim 46, further comprising enabling the telephone call to ring through based upon the relationship setting and the current calendar event.*

52 (Currently Amended). The computer-readable medium of claim <u>47</u> ~~49~~, further comprising sending the telephone call to voicemail if the telephone call is not enabled to ring through.

53 (Currently Cancelled). *The computer-readable medium of claim 50, further comprising sending the telephone call to voicemail if the telephone call is not enabled to ring through.*

54 (Currently Cancelled). *The computer-readable medium of claim 51, further comprising sending the telephone call to voicemail if the telephone call is not enabled to ring through.*

55 (Currently Amended). The computer-readable medium of claim 52, further comprising determining an answering machine message to play if the call is sent to voicemail, the determining an answering machine message being a function of <u>the caller relationship setting and a</u> lifestyle wish setting <u>of the recipient.</u> ~~and caller relationship setting.~~

56 (Currently Cancelled). *The computer-readable medium of claim 53, further comprising determining an answering machine message to play if the call is sent to voicemail, the determining an answering machine message being a function of lifestyle wish setting and caller relationship setting.*

57 (Currently Cancelled). *The computer-readable medium of claim 54, further comprising determining an answering machine message to play if the call is sent to*

~~voicemail, the determining an answering machine message being a function of lifestyle wish setting and caller relationship setting.~~

58.     The computer-readable medium of claim 55, further comprising sending schedule availability information to the caller if the call is not enabled to ring through, the schedule availability information based on the caller relationship setting and a user's availability as indicated in a calendar database.

59 (Currently Cancelled). ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 56, further comprising sending schedule availability information to the caller if the call is not enabled to ring through, the schedule availability information based on the caller relationship setting and a user's availability as indicated in a calendar database.~~

60 (Currently Cancelled. ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 57, further comprising sending schedule availability information to the caller if the call is not enabled to ring through, the schedule availability information based on the caller relationship setting and a user's availability as indicated in a calendar database.~~

61 (Currently Amended). The computer-readable medium of claim 58, further comprising:

receiving a response to the sent schedule availability information, the response including a date and time for a telephone call; <u>and</u>

updating ~~at least one~~ the calendar database <u>of at least one of the users</u> to include the date and time for the telephone call.

62 (Currently Cancelled). ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 59, further comprising:~~
~~receiving a response to the sent schedule availability information, the response including a date and time for a telephone call;~~
~~updating the calendar database to include the date and time for the telephone call~~

63 (Currently Cancelled). ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 60, further comprising:~~

~~receiving a response to the sent schedule availability information, the response including a date and time for a telephone call;~~

~~updating the calendar database to include the date and time for the telephone call.~~

64.     A computer-readable medium storing computer-executable code to execute a method, the method comprising:

receiving an invitation to an event, the invitation including the time and date of the event and an inviter's name;

determining if an automated acceptance preference is set;

determining an relationship setting for the inviter;

determining a life style wish setting;

determining if free time available to attend the event by looking up the time and date of the event in a calendar database;

sending an acceptance to the inviter as a function of the automated acceptance preference, free time, monitors and gauges, life style wishes, and relationship setting; and

updating the calendar database to include the event if an acceptance is sent.

65 (Currently Amended). A computer-readable medium storing computer-executable code to execute a method, the method comprising:

receiving, from invitees, responses to a conference invitation;

sending confirmations to invitees that signal acceptance;

sending, to the invitees, notifications of a start of the conference; and

determining ~~the~~ an impact of delaying the start of the conference; ~~and~~

~~displaying the impact of delaying the conference.~~

66 (New). The computer-based method of claim 1, wherein the caller relationship setting indicates an emotional relationship of the caller with the recipient.

67 (New). The computer-based method of claim 1, wherein the caller relationship setting indicates an individual relationship of the caller with the recipient.

68 (New). The computer-based method of claim 1, wherein the caller relationship setting indicates at least one of a positive relationship type, a negative relationship type, a positive level setting and a negative level setting.

69 (New). The computer-based method of claim 1, wherein the likely impact is determined in accordance with at least one of a life wish setting of the recipient and a likely impact of one or more events of the recipient.

70 (New). The computer-based method of claim 69, wherein the one or more events of the recipient includes at least one implicit recipient event.

71 (New). The computer-based method of claim 1, wherein the likely impact on the recipient is related to one or more of factors selected from a group including likely recipient stress, importance of an event and an amount of time necessary to prepare for an event.

72 (New). The computer-based method of claim 4, wherein the enabling the telephone call to ring through is provided as a function of the likely impact of the caller relationship setting, a current calendar event type and an event type of at least one calendar event that is close in time to the current calendar event.

73. (New). The computer-based method of claim 5, wherein a current recipient lifestyle wish setting provides indicia of whether a call from a caller having a particular relationship setting may ring through or whether a call from any caller may ring through.

74. (New) The computer-based method of claim 15, wherein the schedule availability information is selected according to an event profile of at least one event of the user,

75. (New). The method of claim 24, further comprising automatically bumping at least one event according to at least one of participants of an event, a participant schedule, and a participant lifestyle setting of at least one of the participants.

76. (New). The computer-readable medium of claim 44, wherein the likely impact is determined in accordance with at least one of a life wish setting of the recipient and a likely impact of one or more events of the recipient.

77. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 58, wherein the schedule availability information is selected according to an event profile of at least one event of the user.